

BEFORE THE
DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. DBC 2006 -98

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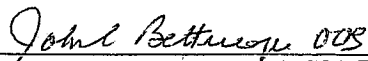
Respondent

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Dental Board of California, State of California as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on December 23, 2009.

IT IS SO ORDERED November 23, 2009.



JOHN BETTINGER, PRESIDENT
Dental Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs

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10 **BEFORE THE**
DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation
Against:
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14 MICHAEL ZORAN TASIC, D.D.S.
19000 Hawthorne Blvd.
15 Torrance, CA 90503

16 Dental Certificate No. 27932
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18 Respondent.
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Case No. DBC 2006-98

OAH No. 2008040629

**STIPULATION FOR PUBLIC
REPRIMAND AGAINST MICHAEL
ZORAN TASIC, D.D.S.**

20 In the interests of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with
21 the public interest and the responsibility of the Dental Board of California, Department of
22 Consumer Affairs ("Board"), the parties agree to the following stipulated settlement which will
23 be submitted to the Board for its approval and adoption as the final disposition of the First
24 Amended Accusation.

25 PARTIES

26 1. Cathleen J. Poncabare, (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the
27 Dental Board of California. Complainant brings this action solely in her official capacity and is
28 represented in this matter by Edmund Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by

1 Kevin J. Rigley, Deputy Attorney General.

2 2. Respondent MICHAEL ZORAN TASIC, D.D.S. (Respondent) is
3 represented in these proceedings by attorney David O'Keefe, Esq.

4 3. On or about February 2, 1979, the Dental Board of California issued
5 Dental License No. 27932 to MICHAEL ZORAN TASIC, D.D.S. The License was in full force
6 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in First Amended Accusation No. DBC
7 2006-98 and will expire on November 30, 2010, unless renewed.

8 JURISDICTION

9 4. First Amended Accusation No. DBC 2006-98 was filed before the Dental
10 Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against
11 Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served
12 on Respondent on January 14, 2009. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting
13 the First Amended Accusation. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. DBC 2006-98 is
14 attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

15 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

16 5. Respondent has carefully read and discussed with his counsel the nature of
17 the charges and allegations in the Accusation and the effects of this stipulated settlement and
18 order.

19 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the
20 right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to be
21 represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses
22 against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the
23 issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents;
24 the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded
25 by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

26 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up
27 each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

8. For purposes of the settlement of the action pending against Respondent in Case No. DBC 2006-98, and to avoid a costly administrative hearing, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the imposition of discipline under Business and Professions Code sections 495 and 1685, and Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest those charges and agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the disciplinary order below.

9. Respondent stipulates that the Board has jurisdiction to impose a public reprimand upon his certificate of license to practice dentistry pursuant to sections 495 and 1685 of the Business and Professions Code.

10. Subject to Board approval, the parties hereby agree that the following specific language will be used to comprise the Letter of Public Reprimand that shall be issued by the Board:

Letter of Public Reprimand

On January 13, 2009, the Dental Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, filed First Amended Accusation No. DBC 2006-98 against your license to practice as a dentist which included allegations that you violated Business and Professions Code section 1685, in that you allegedly required, either directly or indirectly through an office policy, or knowingly permitted the delivery of dental care to Patient "C" that discouraged necessary treatment or permitted clearly excessive, incompetent, grossly negligent and/or unnecessary treatment, as determined by the standard of practice in the community.

Taking into consideration the fact that you have been licensed by the Dental Board of California since 1979 without any prior disciplinary action, that you were cooperative with the Board's investigation, as

1 well as other mitigating circumstances which support the conclusion
2 that you are safe to practice as a dentist, the Board has determined that the
3 charges only warrant a public reprimand.

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5 Accordingly, pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 495
6 and 1685, you are hereby issued this Public Reprimand by the Dental
7 Board of California.

8 RESERVATION

9 11. The settlement made by Respondent is only for the purposes of these
10 proceedings, or any other proceedings in which the Dental Board of California or other
11 professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or
12 civil proceedings.

13 CONTINGENCY

14 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent
15 understands and agrees that the Board's staff and counsel for Complainant may communicate
16 directly with the Board regarding this stipulation, without notice to or participation by Respondent
17 or his counsel. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Order, the Stipulated Settlement,
18 except for this paragraph, shall have no force or effect. The Stipulated Settlement shall be
19 inadmissible in any legal action between the parties and the Board shall not be disqualified from
20 further action by having considered this matter.

21 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated
22 Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same
23 force and effect as the originals.

24 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties
25 agree that the Board shall, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the
26 following Disciplinary Order.

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1 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

2 15. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that the Board shall, without
3 formal notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter a disciplinary order whereby Respondent, as
4 holder of Dental License No. 27932, shall be publicly reprimanded and that Respondent shall
5 comply with the following:

6 **(A) COST RECOVERY**

7 16. Within 90 calendar days of the effective date of the Decision or other
8 period agreed to by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall reimburse the Board \$5,000.00 for
9 its investigative and prosecution costs. The filing of bankruptcy or period (s) of non-practice by
10 Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his obligation to reimburse the Board for its costs.

11 17. Respondent specifically acknowledges and understands that the Order for
12 Public Reprimand as a resolution to the charges in the Accusation is contingent upon his full
13 compliance with this condition. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, he understands and
14 agrees that the Board may then file a supplemental accusation for unprofessional conduct as a
15 consequence of such failure on his part, as a separate and independent basis for disciplinary action
16 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 1670.

17 18. In the event that Respondent fails to satisfy the above condition,
18 Respondent understands and agrees that the original First Amended Accusation shall be reinstated
19 and Respondent agrees to waive any defenses based upon the statute of limitations as to the
20 original First Amended Accusation. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board
21 will be entitled to proceed on both the original First Amended Accusation and a supplemental
22 accusation based on his failure to comply with the above condition.

23 **ACCEPTANCE**


24 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and
25 have fully discussed it with my attorney, David O'Keefe. I understand the effect this stipulation
26 will have on my Dental License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order

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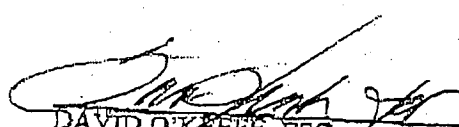
1 voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the
2 Dental Board of California. I further agree that a facsimile copy of this Stipulated Settlement,
3 including facsimile copies of signatures, shall have the same force and effect as the original.
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5 DATED: 8/5/09


MICHAEL ZORAN TASIC, D.D.S.
Respondent

9 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent MICHAEL ZORAN TASIC,
10 D.D.S. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulation For Public
11 Reprimand, and approve its form and content.
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13 DATED: 8/5/09


DAVID O'KEEFE, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

17 ENDORSEMENT

18 The foregoing Stipulation for Public Reprimand is hereby respectfully submitted
19 for consideration by the Dental Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
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21 DATED: _____

22 EDMUND BROWN JR., Attorney General
23 of the State of California

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